

Selected BLS Economic Indicators

Hartford Metro Area



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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for the Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford Metropolitan Statistical Area, the state of Connecticut, and the United States. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** measures price changes or inflation for particular commodities and services at the retail level. The **Producer Price Index (PPI)** measures price changes or inflation for particular commodities and services at the wholesale level and is widely used by business firms as an escalator in long-term contracts. The **Employment Cost Index (ECI)** measures price changes or inflation of labor costs which includes wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits.

Consumer Price Index (1982-84) = 100	April 2006	April 2007	Percent change
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)			
U.S. City Average	201.5	206.686	2.6
Northeast	214.7	219.501	2.2
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers			
U.S. City Average	197.2	202.130	2.5
Northeast	211.0	215.802	2.3
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100)	April 2006	April 2007^(p)	Percent change
Finished goods	160.7	165.8	3.2
All commodities	164.3	171.2	4.2
Industrial commodities	168.8	173.7	2.9

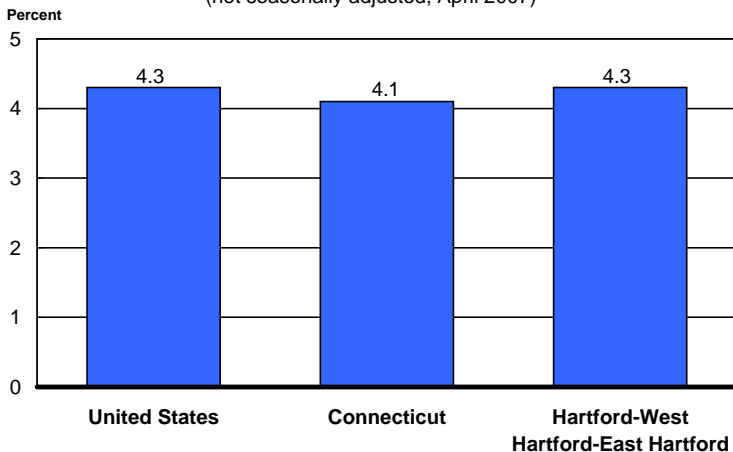
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Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	April 2006	April 2007 ^(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	6,804.0	6,532.0	-272.0	-4.0
Connecticut	72.6	75.7	3.1	4.3
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford	23.5	24.8	1.3	5.5

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**Unemployment rates, United States,
Connecticut, and Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford
Metropolitan Statistical Area**
(not seasonally adjusted, April 2007)



Employment Cost Index (December 2005 = 100)	March 2006	March 2007	Percent change
Total Compensation-Private Industry			
United States	100.8	104.0	3.2
Northeast	100.9	104.0	3.1
New England	100.7	103.6	2.9
Wages and Salaries-Private Industry			
United States	100.7	104.3	3.6
Northeast	100.8	104.0	3.2
New England	100.7	103.6	2.9
Occupational Wages (selected occupations)	Mean hourly wage (May 2006)		
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford			
Education, training, and library	\$26.02		
Healthcare practitioner and technical	\$32.00		
Food preparation and serving related	\$10.48		
Sales and related	\$19.29		
Office and administrative support	\$17.08		
Construction and extraction	\$22.88		
Installation, maintenance, and repair	\$21.03		
Production	\$17.39		
Transportation and material moving	\$14.23		

Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	April 2006	April 2007 ^(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	135,802.0	137,668.0	1,866.0	1.4
Connecticut	1,678.2	1,697.1	18.9	1.1
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford	549.9	555.1	5.2	0.9

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Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford MSA payroll employment by major industry sector (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Industry	April 2006	April 2007 ^(p)
Total nonfarm	549.9	555.1
Natural resources, mining	21.6	22.1
Manufacturing	64.5	64.8
Trade, transportation and utilities	89.5	89.2
Financial activities	67.1	67.0
Professional and business	60.1	61.7
Education and health services	86.2	87.6
Government	89.1	89.9

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Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

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